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TAGS: AORG, PERS, UN
SUBJECT: UN PERSONNEL: SENIOR POST IN THE TECHNICAL
COOPERATION DEPARTMENT (TCD)

REFS: (A) USUN 3OO8, (B) USUN 2982, (C)USUN 2781, (D) USUN 2124,
(E) STATE 171457, (F) STATE 139599, (G) GENEVA 1O171

1. IN A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH RAFEEUDDIN AHMED (EXEC. ASSISTANT TO SYG) ON AUGUST 15 THE SUBJECT OF THE SENIOR ASG POST IN TCD CAME UP. AHMED HAD BEEN REQUESTED TO CHECK UN RECORDS OF A CONVERSATION MISOFFS HAD WITH THE SYG ON 23 MAY SINCE WALDHEIM HAS CONTENDED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS THAT USG HAD ACCEPTED SITUATION AT THAT MEETING WHEREBY THE APPOINTMENT OF MAURICE WILLIAMS AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF WFC WOULD CANCEL OUT CONSIDERATION FOR ASG POST IN TCD. USUN RECORD OF CONVERSATION ON 23 MAY IS CONTAINED IN REF D.

2. AHMED STATED THAT HE HAD CHECKED UN RECORD WHICH SHOWED THAT SYG, IN RESPONSE TO US DEMARCHE ON 23 MAY
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RE TCD POST, HAD STATED THAT COMPETITION FOR ASG POST WAS VERY INTENSE AND THAT IF US WERE GRANTED WFC POST IT SHOULD NOT EXPECT TO ALSO RECEIVE ASG POST IN TCD. UN RECORD FURTHER SHOWS THAT US REPS PRESENT DID NOT RESPOND TO WALDHEIM ASSERTATION AND THUS SYG HAD CONCLUDED THAT SILENCE MEANT AGREEMENT.

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3. AHMED WENT ON TO STATE THAT SYG HAD FIRMLY MADE UP HIS MIND TO GIVE ASG POST IN TCD TO THE UK AND HAD ALREADY SELECTED ONE OF THE UK CANDIDATES BUT REQUESTED THAT THIS INFORMATION BE CLOSELY HELD UNTIL WALDHEIM'S RETURN TO NEW YORK WHEN DJERMAKOYE WOULD BE INFORMED. AHMED FURTHER INDICATED THAT IT WOULD BE FUTILE FOR USG TO PRESS FURTHER FOR THIS POST SINCE IT COULD ONLY PLACE SYG IN DIFFICULT POSITION RE ONE OF USG CLOSEST ALLIES, THE UK SINCE POST HAD NOT BEEN GRANTED TO CHINA OR USSR WHICH WERE ALSO PRESSING.

4. UPON LEARNING OF ABOVE, AMBASSADOR LEONARD EXPRESSED EXTREME DISPLEASURE OVER ACTIONS OF SYG IN A MATTER OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE TO USG. USUN HAS REPEATEDLY STRESSED THAT IT WOULD BE UNTHINKABLE FOR SYG TO FREEZE US OUT OF SENIOR POST IN TCD.

5. WE NOTE THAT ON JULY 5 AMBASSADORS YOUNG AND WELLS CALLED UPON SYG IN GENEVA AND EXPRESSED USG'S STRONG AND CONTINUING INTEREST IN TCD POST AND LEFT NO DOUBT IN SYG'S MIND AS TO THE DEPTH OF CONCERN ON USG'S PART THAT TCD POST MUST BE GRANTED TO USG CANDIDATE. THEY ALSO EXPRESSED SURPRISE AND DENIED HIS ASSERTION THAT US HAD AGREED NOT TO PRESS FOR THIS POST IF WILLIAMS GOT WFC.

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6. COMMENT: USUN HAS REPEATEDLY PRESSED SYG FOR POSITIVE ACTION ON TCD POST IN FAVOR OF US CANDIDATE. WALDHEIM HAS ENDEAVORED TO BE EVASIVE AND PLACE US IN COMPETITION WITH UK ON THIS POST. SYG WAS TOLD IN VERY FRANK TERMS THAT LOSS OF ASG POST IN TCD WOULD ALMOST COMPLETELY WIPE US OUT OF RESPONSIBLE ROLE IN RESTRUCTED ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AREA WHICH WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO ACCEPT. THUS, IN LIGHT OF ABOVE DEVELOPMENTS USUN INTENDS TO REVIEW SITUATION WITH WALDHEIM UPON HIS RETURN, NOT WITH HOPE THAT HE WILL REVERSE HIMSELF AND NAME A US CANDIDATE IN PLACE OF THE BRITISH, BUT RATHER TO ASSURE OURSELVES OF AT LEAST PARTIAL COMPENSATION IN FORM OF ANOTHER SENIOR ECONOMIC POST OR POSTS AND TO DETER ANY REPETITION OF THIS "SILENCE MEANS CONSENT" GAMBIT.
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